

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be amended as indicated in the accompanying amended page(s), in which:

- Claims 1, 19, and 38 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 8, 27, and 44; and
- Claims 8, 27, and 44 are cancelled.

Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Remarks

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Applicant lodges herewith a terminal disclaimer in respect of US Patent No. 7,278,716. Reconsideration of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner's indication of allowance of claims 8, 27, and 44 is greatly appreciated. Applicant herewith incorporates the allowable subject matter of claims 8, 27, and 44 with independent claims 1, 19, and 38 respectively.

The pending claims are submitted to now be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant looks forward to word of further official communication in due course.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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